

## The Watchman and Southern

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## PERSONAL

Mrs. Lawrence Carson is visiting Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Spann.

Miss Helena Bultman let today for Winthrop.

Mr. Raphael Bowman left on Tuesday for Belmont, N. C. where he will attend college this winter.

Miss Molly Bowman has gone to Asheville, N. C. where she will attend St. Genevieve's school.

Mr. J. P. Booth, Jr., of the aviation service, who has been stationed at Austin, Texas, is at home on furlough.

Mrs. Lillian Poole and daughter Elizabeth, of Jacksonville, Fla., are visiting Mrs. Charles McFaddin on W. Liberty Street.

Mr. H. G. Osteen is attending the meeting of the S. C. Press Association this week at Gaffney.

Miss Nettie Powell and Miss Elizabeth Murray left this morning for Camp Jos. E. Johnstone, Jacksonville, Fla., where they will enter the base hospital in the Red Cross service.

Miss Kathleen Parham left this morning for Greenwood where she will enter Lander College.

## R. L. Wright Dead.

Mr. Robert Lee Wright died at his home on W. Liberty street about 2 a. m. Thursday, after an illness of several months. Mr. Wright was born in Jefferson county, Ga., Jan. 10, 1862, and was near 57 years old, his father being Henry G. Wright and his mother Susan E. Jenkins. He came to Sumter over 20 years ago, and has lived in this city and county since. He married Miss Lella Edwards of this city, by whom seven children, two daughters and five sons, were born, all of whom are living. His wife died a few years ago, and he is survived by one brother only, Mr. A. R. Wright, of Sandersville, Ga.

Mr. Wright has been connected with the business of Mr. H. J. Harby since the beginning and was a member of the firm of Harby & Co. at the time of his death. He was a man of fine business qualities. He had been a member of the city council, but was not a man who aspired to public office.

## Grand Rally for 4th Liberty Loan.

A mass meeting will be held at the Opera House at 11 a. m., September 27, when the following program will be carried out:

Exercises opened with prayer by Rev. J. A. Brunson.

Short concert by Military Band from Camp Jackson.

Address by French officer.

Song selections by the famous Camp Jackson quartette.

Address by ex-Governor Sheppard.

Song selections by military quartette.

Liberty Loan drive headed by L. D. Jennings.

The committee on entertainment is composed of the following: A. C. Phelps, S. H. Edmunds, Neill O'Donnell, L. D. Jennings.

Please watch the space donated by the banks of Sumter. A full page in The Item tomorrow. Something of importance to the ladies.

## "Send Off" For Nurses.

A most interesting "send off" was given on Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Porter on Baker Street to Misses Marion Nettie Powell and Elizabeth Murray, by the members of the Sumter Nurses' Association. These, two of our most efficient nurses, have answered the call of their country and left for Camp Joseph E. Johnston, Jacksonville, Fla., Thursday morning. There they will be joined by Mrs. Helen McKay, another of the nurses of whom Sumter is justly proud. All honor to these young women who are making such sacrifices. They carry with them the heart felt prayers of our entire community for Almighty God's tenderest care and keeping.

Miss Harvin, of the Army Camp, Waynesville, N. C., where recuperatives from gas attack are brought, was a guest of the Association as were also Misses Obenschain and Hudson of Camp Alice Tubercular Home. The menu of fried chicken—and all that goes with it seems to have touched the spot, if one is to judge by the many remarks made by the large concourse assembled at the station to say good-bye and God bless you.

## Sumter at Clemson.

Sumter county is well represented at Clemson this session by many promising young men. The following young men left on Tuesday morning to resume their studies at Clemson College: Hugh Ryan, Wade Ramsey, Louis Pitts, Richard Wells, Robert Mellette, Odell Cain, Frank Kolb, F. M. Dwight, Maurice Randle, Mims Pitts, John Parker.

The following left today (the 19th) for Clemson College to enter the freshman class: Richard Dwight, Mansfield Ryan, Edison Wright, Harry Hood.

## Buick Car Stolen.

The Sumter Automobile Association has been notified that a light Buick Six, 1917 model, motor number 312,624 has been stolen from W. H. Moore, Greenville.

Chief of Police Sumter and Sheriff Bradford have been notified by the local Association and have been asked to be on the lookout for it. Helping to find lost cars is one of the services the automobile association does for its members.

## AGAINST COTTON TAX.

## AMENDMENT TO WAR TAX BILL FOR TAX OF \$3 A BALE.

South Carolina Congressmen to Vote Today Against Amendment of Pennsylvania Representative.

Washington, Sept. 18.—All members of the South Carolina delegation in the house except Representative Ragsdale, will be present tomorrow to vote against an amendment to the war tax bill to be offered by on gresman Moore of Pennsylvania, taxing cotton \$3 a bale. Mr. Ragsdale may also be here in time as a telegram urging the importance of his presence was sent him today by Congressman Stevenson. This amendment while it may be defeated is expected to bring on a spirited fight.

It is Mr. Moore's contention that since much money has been spent in the South on military camps and cantonments that the people in that section should not object to this extra tax on their cotton. The Southern members will stubbornly oppose it especially in view of the fact that a price may soon be fixed for raw cotton.

## WAR WORK CAMPAIGN CONVENTION.

Prominent Leaders of Seven Organizations Hold Enthusiastic Meeting in Columbia.

## Special to Daily Item.

Columbia, Sept. 19.—All religious beliefs of South Carolina crystallized themselves into one gigantic unit to raise one million dollars for war work, at the united war work campaign convention held here yesterday and today. Over five hundred delegates representing the seven organizations affiliated by request of President Wilson, are in attendance. A notable feature of the convention was an address by Gypsy Smith, British Y. M. C. A. worker, who related his experiences among soldiers in France and called on the South Carolina people to come together to form a great machine to raise funds to make their religions active in service to those who are laying their lives on the altar of freedom. Other speakers before the convention included Gov. Manning and leaders in the seven participating organizations.

Miss Katie Boyd George, English Y. W. C. A. worker, Goudon Spriggs of Australia, Capt. George Dingle, of the Canadian army and others addressed the meeting. The closing meetings today were turned over to campaign experts who instructed workers in organization of district county and city units and discussion of plans for holding district meetings throughout the State. The United War Work campaign will be conducted throughout the country the week of November 11 to 18. The direction of the South Carolinian campaign will be in charge of A. A. Protzman, and other well known war campaign directors.

## AERIAL GUNNERY.

Absolutely Necessary for Aviators to Be Accurate Shots.

Somewhere in France, Aug. 25 (Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Accurate machine-gun fire is the chief requirement of the successful combat aviator, allied aviation experts agree. Fortunately for the allies that is one department in which their aviators excel.

It is interesting to note the progress made in the weapons used by aviators. At the opening of hostilities airplanes were used mainly for observation work. Their pilots were armed generally with carbines, and sometimes only with an automatic revolver. Then came the fighting airplane and the single and double machine gun.

But these newer and more deadly weapons are useless unless properly aimed, and this is no small task as the pilot must aim not his gun, but his whole machine. He must use his airplane as a gun mount. It is easy to conjure some of the pilot's difficulties when the gun mount is manoeuvring and traveling twice as fast as any express train, while its target is in similar action.

Nor is that all the difference between aerial and ground gunnery. On the ground, ammunition is practically unlimited. In an airplane, every ounce of weight counts, and ammunition is therefore strictly limited. The greater, consequently, is the need for accuracy in shooting.

It is important that no ammunition shall be carried which is not absolutely reliable and all is selected and tested. Guns are rigorously inspected, for a jam at a critical moment might prove fatal. In training, on the other hand, ammunition is carefully selected for its badness; the object being, by means of frequent jams, to make the clearing of a stoppage automatically simple to the pilot.

The successful air fighter must be a good pilot; but even the most brilliant trick flyer, the "stunter" who can throw his machine about in the air and make it a supremely difficult target for his adversary, is nevertheless incompletely equipped as a fighter unless he can combine brilliant flying with brilliant gunnery. Foch's rule that "offence is the best defence" applies even more in the air than on land, and it is by following that rule that the allied fighters have won their ascendancy over the Germans.

Recently before a crowd of 1,500 people, assembled for a Labor Day celebration at Erwin, Tennessee, Miss Sallie Wannamaker, well known in Sumter as a musician of ability, presided at the piano, and rendered a program of solo numbers of a patriotic character that met with an enthusiastic reception. Later on during the program, an orchestra which she helped to organize and of which she is pianist, took a leading part in completing the celebration of the holiday by acting as accompanist for community singing and other entertainment. Miss Wannamaker is spending the summer months in Erwin.

## Cotton Market

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Good Middling 31 1-2.

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Middling 31.

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Oct . . . 32.70 32.99 32.41 32.43 32.85

Dec . . . 32.20 32.31 31.75 31.78 32.25

Jan . . . 32.05 32.18 31.52 31.60 32.05

## How Much Per Pound Did it Cost to Raise This Cotton?

(Special to Dallas News.)

Coleman, Texas, Sept. 9.—We have, for the last year, gone through one of the severest drouths ever known in this part of the country. For many years Coleman county has held her own, as a farming and stock raising county; in fact, this county has compared favorably with the best farming belt of Texas. Where, as a rule, many hundreds of thousand bushels of grain are thrashed, not one bushel has been thrashed this year. The same may be said of cotton. The county has produced as high as 64,000 bales of cotton in one year, but in all probability 100 bales will cover the product for this year. Some rains have fallen in spots, but a general soaking is necessary, so that farmers can sow their fall grain. The county is practically rid of all live stock, which had to be moved for pasturage or shipped to market. What few stock are left are dependent on fall oats and wheat grazing for pasturage.

We would like to call the attention of Mr. Barney Baruch of the War Purchasing Board to the above and ask him if he feels like a price should be fixed on the above cotton in order to prevent the producers of same from getting too much for it.

This county is only a fair sample of an area nearly as large as the State of Arkansas in the State of Texas, where every bale of cotton grown has cost the producers \$10 per pound to produce it.

We shall go further. If the entire crop of the South of the 1918 planting is sold at \$200.00 per bale, including seed (and much of it will bring higher prices), and each farmer was paid \$5.00 per acre rent for the land, rent for his teams, pay for himself, wife and children at the same wages paid unskilled labor in any Northern city, the cotton crop would not pay all who have produced it.

In the face of this appalling fact, we have men in Congress and in the department like Mr. Baruch seeking to limit the meager profits coming to those who have toiled in the cotton fields this year, when only 25 per cent of that product is used in this country. Isn't it amazing that any class of people should be so short-sighted as to want to rob the cotton planter, or at least limit his niggardly profits to build up and enrich foreign countries, who buy our cotton, say at 30c per pound and sell it back in thread or mercerized cotton goods, etc., at \$5.00 per pound? Then, too, don't overlook the heart-breaking years in which the cotton planters of the South took 4c to 8c for their cotton.

We are quite sure that those who seek to limit the price of that which costs so dearly to propagate have not well considered this question. The cotton States of America must be depended on to clothe the world, and for all exports of cotton we draw gold from all the world and keep the balances of trade in our favor. That balance will shrink or expand as the price of cotton shrinks or expands. Do we want to keep that balance healthy and the cotton growers happy and prosperous, or do we want to stabilize cotton prices, impoverish the producer and make the fortune of alien spinners?

Ponder this question seriously.

Manchester, Eng. Aug. 25.—Remarkable profits have been made in the Lancashire cotton industry since the beginning of the year, despite the shortage of raw material from the United States, and the compulsory stoppage of machinery.

Fifteen spinning concerns publish accounts whose total profits for the half year ended June last, amount to \$95,125 against \$209,790 in the six months ending December, 1917. As a result of the good trade reports, share prices have steadily advanced and the capital appreciation since the beginning of the year for the fifteen companies is over twenty per cent.

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BEEWAX WANTED—Any quantity large or small. Am paying best cash price. See me if you have any. N. G. Osteen.

FOR SALE—F. O. B. cars, Camp Jackson, stable manure; very little straw. Car load lots only. Chemical and Fertilizer value rated very high by Clemson college. A. A. Strauss, Sumter, S. C.

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